

MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2006

Members Present: Dick Travis, Scott Bennett, Jeanne Tysinger, Florence Ferguson

Members Absent: Joe Sharrer

Others Present: Chuck Collins (Regional HR Advocate), Mark Seymour (HR Advocate), Heather Newland and Melinda Yoder (Pleasant View), Mary Ellen Chewning (Arc/Op Shop liaison), Marsha DuBois (VAIL liaison), Judy Otto (CJ Designs liaison), John Humphreys (Fair Haven liaison), Christy Collins (CC and Associates), Pam Hevener (RMH liaison), Gary Wilburn (Minnick Education Center), James Hall (DePaul Family Services liaison), Kris SantaMaria, Karen Durford-Jones, and Holly Albrite (HRCBS liaison).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Dick Travis, vice-chair, presided over the meeting in the absence of chairperson Joe Sharrer.

Introductions were made by those in attendance.

MINUTES

Scott Bennett made a motion that was seconded by Florence Ferguson, and approved by the Committee, to approve as written the minutes from the April 10, 2006 meeting.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Jeanne Tysinger was recognized for her six years of active participation as a committee member of the HRLHRC, and was presented with a mounted certification of appreciation. Dick Travis, Chuck Collins, and Holly Albrite each spoke of her contributions and dedication to the committee.

ANNUAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB - Holly Albrite provided a review of human rights issues at the CSB during the past year. She reported on a new PowerPoint narrative and quiz being used to orient staff to the human rights regulations. The recovery concept in the CSB system was discussed and interest expressed from a committee member in attending a recovery in-service being held for CSB staff during August. Holly will follow up on this with the committee.

DePaul Family Services – Jim Hall reported that the agency continues to have its main office in Waynesboro and is not currently providing any services in Harrisonburg-Rockingham County. They plan to try to find local service locations again during the coming year. Chuck Collins commended DePaul for stepping in and taking over a

program from another provider in Waynesboro that enabled four waiver consumers to maintain their residential placements.

AFFILIATION REQUEST

Harrisonburg League of Therapists – Kris SantaMaria and Karla Durford –Jones stated that the program provides wrap-around services to children and their families, using a licensed lead therapist and intensive in-home workers. This program will use the same human rights policies and procedures as those approved in Charlottesville and other localities. In response to a question from Mark Seymour, it was clarified that this program does not use any type of restraint, instead working with the family to intervene, or calling 911 if warranted.

Jeanne Tysinger made a motion to approve Harrisonburg League of Therapists as an affiliate of the HRLHRC that was seconded by Scott Bennett and approved by the committee.

Other Business

LHRC Vacancy – There is a vacancy for a consumer member on the committee. Holly Albrite reminded affiliates of the process for sending applications directly to Chuck Collins. Mr. Collins stressed that committee members may not be employees or Board members of an affiliated program.

Lutheran Family Services was unable to attend this meeting so their request for review of a program rules change and the program's annual report will both be held over until the October meeting.

Election of Officers: The following nominations were made:

Joe Sharrer: Chairperson

Dick Travis: Vice-chair

Florence Ferguson: Secretary

Jeanne Tysinger made a motion to approve the officers as nominated that was seconded by Scott Bennett and approved by the committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE REPORTS

Chuck Collins provided the following information:

- The proposed revisions to the human rights regulations are at the Governor's office and there is no indication on when these may move forward.
- The statewide LHRC Seminar is being postponed because the committee member survey indicated that the topic area of most interest is the revised regulations. The conference will be rescheduled once the regulations become final.
- A local training for affiliates and members was held on June 6, 2006 with several committee members in attendance.
- Several recent human rights issues at affiliated programs were reviewed.

Mark Seymour provided the following information:

- Noted an increase in children's service providers and a concurrent increase in children being served.
- He has provided training for several local providers.

PROGRAM ISSUES

Holly Albrite reminded affiliates that sponsorship fees are due this month.

Clarification was provided that Friendship Industries does not come under the human rights regulations because it is not licensed by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services.

The issue of continuing concerns related to care in nursing homes and adult care facilities was discussed. Marcia DuBois stated that VAIL can be involved in responding to these issues.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 16, 2006 at 2:00 pm. at the ARC/OP Shop, located at the Simms Building.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Ferguson
HRLHRC Secretary

Holly Albrite
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary